

- describe shortly how water and transboundary cooperation are integrated into national climate policies in North Macedonia;

According to Article 16 of the draft Law on climate action in North Macedonia, which refers to - Alignment of sectoral strategies with the Strategy, the National Plan for Energy and Climate and with national actions for adaptation, it is clearly emphasized that the Strategic goals and plans in the sectoral policies for adaptation to climate change in the water area should be adapted to and comply with and follow national strategic goals for climate action and expected climate impacts based on climate change projections and scenarios. Taking this provision into account, the national framework for climate action will be taken into account during the development of river basin management plans, which will also apply to transboundary management and cooperation.

- briefly mention main achievements on climate change adaptation in the Drin basin in 2022-2023.

The main achievements on climate change adaptation in the Drin basin in 2022-2023 under the Adaptation fund / UNDP project “Integrated climate-resilient trans-boundary flood risk management in the Drin River basin” were focus on:

- ✓ Comprehensive assessment of the basin wide hydro-meteorological monitoring network and appropriate optimization/extension in the riparian countries with procurement and installation of hydrological and meteorological equipment
- ✓ Development of comprehensive basin wide hydrological and hydraulic model for the Drin Basin with food hazard and risk maps for several flood returning periods and also development of comprehensive GIS based socio-economic model for assessment of flood induced damages and losses calculations, enabling multi-criteria analysis of categories at risk and their social vulnerabilities.
- ✓ Preparation of operational plans for protection and flood defense for the Municipalities/Administrative entities within the identified APSF (Areas Potential Significant for Flooding) as identified non-structural measures (Within the Macedonian part of the basin are 6 Municipalities: Struga, Ohrid, Debar, Debrca, Vevcani and Resen and within the Albanian part of the basin are Municipalities within the region of Lezhe)
- ✓ Finalization of the construction works for implementation of Sateska rehabilitation and diversion in its natural riverbed – key structural measure in the Macedonian part of the basin
- ✓ Commencement of construction works for stabilization of river Bojana/Buna – key structural measure in the Montenegro part of the basin
- ✓ Identification of key structural measures and development of technical documentation execution of construction works in Albanian part of the basin (project component)